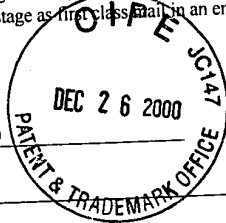


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Art Unit: 1655

Serial No. 09/465,491, filed December 16, 1999

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For: **QUANTITATION OF hTERT mRNA EXPRESSION**

TRANSMITTAL OF AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in the above-identified application. Therein, Applicants submit 7 new claims. These are in addition to the 20 claims, 3 of which were independent, submitted in the original filing. The fee for the newly submitted claims has been calculated as shown below:

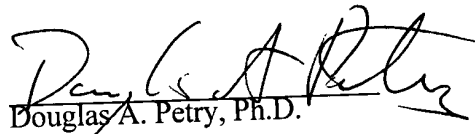
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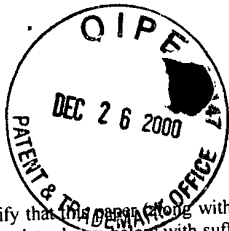
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Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office action dated August 28, 2000. Applicants request entry of the amendments and remarks into the record.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Add the following new claims:

21. A method for identifying the presence of cancerous cells in a human sample, wherein said method comprises:
- (a) quantitating hTERT mRNA in said sample using the method of Claim 1;
- and

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